

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph [0009] on page 3 with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention provides a control element with a mechanical actuator and an electrical or electromechanical switching element, whereby the switching element comprising of at least one push button reacting upon pressure and whereby the actuator is arranged elastically or resiliently ~~releactable~~ relocatable or tiltable with respect to the switching element or the push button respectively and that further an actuating cam is provided at the actuator facing the push button, whereby the actuator and the switching element are not directly connected to each other. The dividing of the control element into two parts, one mechanical actuating part and one electrical switching part, permits the replacement or exchange only of the mechanical actuating part without any influence to the electrical switching part. The replacement or exchange therefore may take place without the need of desoldering of the electrical switching part from its printed circuit board or from its connected wires.

Please replace the paragraph [0020] on pages 6-7 with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention further provides a hearing device or hearing aid with a control element with a mechanical actuator and an electrical or electromechanical switching element, whereby the switching element comprising of at least one push button reacting upon pressure and whereby the actuator is arranged elastically or resiliently ~~releactable~~ relocatable or tiltable with respect to the switching element or the push button respectively and that further an actuating cam is provided at the actuator facing the push button, whereby the actuator and the switching element are not directly connected to each other for the controlling of features of the hearing device or hearing aid respectively. By the combination of two electrical switching elements pure switching actions may be performed as well as control actions of the electronical modules of the hearing device or hearing aid. A short push movement onto a push button may initiate an impulse, whereas a long push movement onto a push button may initiate a pulse

string or a continuous signal, which may be analyzed within the electronic unit of the device.